

CITY OF WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE
Service, Safety and Recreation Committee Minutes
February 9, 2022

The Service, Safety and Recreation Committee met in the Council Chambers, located at 105 N. Main Street, on Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 pm. Ms. Kendra Hernandez presided and those in attendance were; Mr. Steve Shiltz, Council Member, Mr. Caleb Johnson, Council Member, Mr. Jim Blair, Council Member, Mr. Dale Lynch, Council Chairperson, Mr. Ron Sockman, Service Director, Mr. Jeff Funari, Police Chief, Mr. Tim Downing, Fire Chief, Mr. Joe Denen, City Manager, and Mr. Mark Pitstick, City Attorney.

1. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Fire Department. Chief Downing noted an increase in fire calls.
2. The Committee benefited from a general report of the Washington Police Department. Chief Funari advised the Committee of the staffing increase after a recent decline with Covid quarantines.
3. The Committee expressed their appreciation to local food establishments for providing multiple departments in the city meal items during the inclement weather.
4. The Committee noted the Administration submitted the option to relocate the crossing arm on the opposite side of Temple Street. This requires Veterans Way be made one way to Market.
5. The Administration inquired for permission to bid on the following projects:
 - Street and Alley Resurfacing
 - Painting of a Water Tower
 - Purchase of Street Department Trucks - F250/F350
 - Purchase of a Street Sweeper
 - Purchase of a Transit Van for the Water Department

The Committee recommended that the Administration proceed with the bidding process on the above listed items.

6. The Administration advised the Committee of a request to change parking to one side parking on Red Mile Blvd. The Committee recommended that no change be made at this time, but further review be completed as future developments proceed.
7. The Administration advised the Committee of a request for a “No parking from here to corner” be placed by the entrance of Red Mile Boulevard and State Route 41 South. The Committee recommended that the area be evaluated during student drop off times before further discussions and decisions are made on the request.
8. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council to enter into a professional service agreement with EMHT for engineering services.
9. The Committee recommended that legislation be brought to Council to enter into agreement with the Ohio Department of Transportation for the purchase of bulk highway rock salt for the 2022-2023 year.
10. The Committee discussed citizens inquiries regarding snow removal. The Committee expressed general satisfaction with Street’s efforts.
11. The Administration advised the Committee of the goal to complete the splash pad and fitness pad by Memorial Day. The Committee recommended that the Administration begin the process with the Vortex Company. The Committee noted their desire to have a cohesive design scheme for both items.
12. The Administration advised the Committee that the transition of ownership of the golf course was progressing. The Committee noted copies of two lease agreements would be completed. One from Parks and Recreation Committee to Community Improvement Corporation and another from Community Improvement Corporation to Fayette County Golf LLC. The Committee noted that inventory had been completed and previous Committee inquiries were being reviewed.
13. The Committee benefited from a review of the water procedure regarding rebates and adjustments to water accounts.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Kendra Hernandez- Member, Service, Safety and Recreation Committee

Mrs. Kelley Ford, Recording Secretary